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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER -- GUYER VISIT

1. WHEN IN SAW RIFAI FEBRUARY 28 I ASKED HIM ABOUT VISIT OF ROBERTO GUYER.

2. RIFAI SAID THAT GUYER HAD COME AS ANNOUNCED TO CANVASS IDEAS IN THE AREA. IN THIS CONNECTION, JORDANIANS HAD GIVEN HIM A LONG LECTURE ON THEIR VIEWS WITH WHICH ADDRESSEES ARE IN THE MAIN FAMILIAR.

3. ISRAELIS, ACCORDING TO WHAT GUYER TOLD RIFAI AND WHAT RIFAI PASSED ON TO ME, HAD NOTHING MUCH TO OFFER. RIFAI SAID THAT GUYER WAS PUSHING BILATERAL US-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS, POSSIBLY IN GENEVA, UNDER AEGES OF UNSYG. MEETINGS WOULD NOT BE TRIPARTITE SUMMIT, BUT, GUYER EMPHASIZED, A TWO PLUS ONE AFFAIR. RIFAI SAID HE TOLD GUYER IN EFFECT THAT AS FAR AS JORDAN WAS CONCERNED GREAT POWERS WERE ABLE TO MEET ANY TIME THEY WANTED, WITH OR WITHOUT PRESENCE OF UNSYG. HE LEFT
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ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS A LITTLE NEGATIVE ON

UNSYR'S ROLE TO GUYER BY SAUING IN EFFECT US AND USSR DO NOT
NEED UNSYG TO SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN THEMSELVES,
THEY CAN SET ONE UP ANYTIME THEY WANT TO DO SO.
RIFAI ADDED THAT WHAT GREAT POWERS DO IS THEIR BUSINESS,
ALSO LEAVING IMPRESSION THAT JORDAN OF COURSE IS
INTERESTED, BUT NOT LIKELY TO BE BOUND IN ANY WAY BY
SUCH A STEP.

5. FINALLY, RIFAI SAID THAT JORDAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT
IT IS NOT GOING TO MOVE INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAELIS.
GUYER REPORTED THAT ISRAELIS MENTIONED JORDAN TO HIM
"200 TIMES". HE SAID WHAT IS MORE INTERESTING IS
FACT THAT GUYER CLAIMED HE HAD TOUCHED BASE WITH
SENIOR AMERICANS DEALING WITH MIDDLE EAST AFFIARS WHO,
GUYER REPORTED (ACCORDING TO RIFAI) HAD MENTIONED
JORDAN AND NEGOTIATIONS AT LEAST "100 TIMES". RIFAI
ASKED ME WHAT WAS GOING ON. I SAID
DID NOT KNOW ON
THAT POINT AND WOULD HAVE TO ASK WASHINGTON.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: SOME FILL IN ON WHAT TALKS
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MAY HAVE HAD WITH GUYER AND PARTICULARLY
ANY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT JORDAN TO ANSWER RIFAI'S INQUIRY.
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